

Thank you!  
Dr. Hill!



*Photo provided by Kate Shoultz*

Amanda launched the international health program in the Department of Medicine with a pilot clinical elective at Donald Fraser Hospital in the north of South Africa in 2008. The launch of the program was several years in the making while Amanda designed a model that encompassed best practices in global health delivery and medical education, conducted site visits to find a suitable partner and ensured the creation of a program at UBC that exemplified responsible global health engagement. Over the course of the last decade, Amanda built and near single handedly sustained the internal medicine global health clinical elective program through partnerships in Limpopo SA between 2008-2012 and Gulu Uganda between 2013 and 2018 and she co-led the transition to Butare Rwanda in late 2018 where the IM GH program is now collaborating...

In total, 93 faculty and residents from the Department of Medicine at UBC have engaged in global health delivery electives under her leadership. This is no small feat. Having taken on a leadership role in global health over the past few years, it is evident to me the tremendous effort and tireless work Amanda has devoted to supporting this program. This program truly exists because of Amanda's leadership, vision and drive...

On a personal level, I was fortunate to participate in the international health program in 2009 with one of the first groups of residents and Amanda as my supervising attending. While the time spent at Donald Fraser Hospital was seminal in terms of medical education in a resource poor setting, it was also an introduction to an inspirational mentor and role model. Amanda embodies, believes and lives a life rooted in equity and social justice and she is also someone who brings hope and a measure of optimism to challenges and dark times. She is vibrant, adventurous, thoughtful and fun. And she has somehow managed to embed all of these qualities into an academic curriculum!...

Reading through the excerpts from alumni of the international health program, it is clear that Amanda Hill has inspired countless residents and faculty. It is also clear that I am not the only person who has a story, usually a rather humorous one, about birds or birding where Amanda Hill is the protagonist.

To my wonderful friend Amanda, congratulations on this achievement. This recognition is well deserved.

Marla McKnight

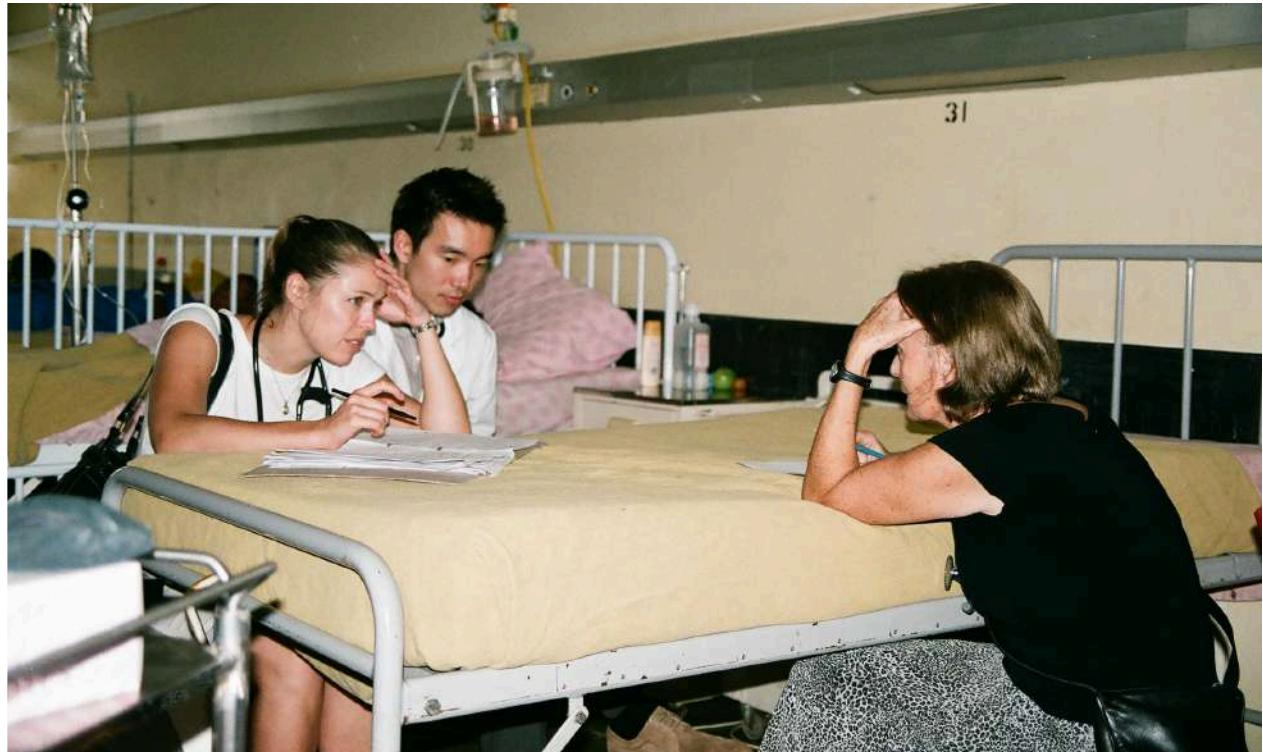


Amanda is a ***truly inspiring, dedicated, empathetic*** person and an amazing doctor and mentor. I had the fortunate opportunity to be the pilot resident joining Amanda in this international project as started at Donald Fraser Hospital in South Africa. It was a remarkable experience; one that has led to a longstanding friendship with Amanda.

Katherine Plewes, 2008 Pilot South Africa Cohort

*Photos Provided by Katherine Plewes*





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My trip to South Africa was definitely a highlight of my residency...I remember thinking I was the **luckiest person in the world** to be able to experience a trip like that. Amanda's mentorship was so important and I still strive to emulate her in my practice and life!

Michelle Buresi, 2009 South Africa Cohort





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I had the good fortune to do an elective at Donald Fraser Hospital in South Africa in 2010. It was a ***truly amazing experience***, and left a lasting impression on me. I am so grateful for having had that opportunity.

Kirily Park, 2010 South Africa Cohort



*Photos Provided by Kirily Park*

Dr. Hill was an **inspirational advocate** for global health. Seeing disparities in international healthcare first hand reinforced the value of medicine, both as a basic human need as well a calling for those providing it. It was one of the top experiences of my residency at University of British Columbia.

Dustin Loomes, 2012 South Africa Cohort



*Photos Provided by Dustin Loomes*

My four weeks in South Africa during my third year of residency was **beyond incredible**; it was **life-enriching and career-enhancing**. I had the opportunity to work closely with two of my colleagues from Vancouver but more importantly, I made wonderful friends in South Africa.

The resilient young doctors at Donald Fraser Hospital, the hard-working nurses, and the very kind people of Thohoyandou, South Africa, made my experience so **rewarding and so memorable**. Working under limited resources in a poverty stricken town was challenging and yet, I learned so much from being able to cope with only the basics, and provide patient care with only minimal supplies...

I learned to make diagnoses the old fashioned way: with a proper history and physical exam. On my return to Canada, I ordered fewer tests and relied more on my clinical skills rather than on investigations. Apparently, during the months that the Vancouver doctors were in town annually, the mortality rate decreased significantly.

Not only did I get to work clinically in an eye-opening and drastically foreign environment, I also got to explore the ***beautiful country of South Africa***. We went on lots of fun safaris, and took lots of trips to the canyon, and climbed the mountains in Capetown.

The program that Dr. Amanda Hill ran for so many years was such a valuable experience and I have nothing but ***gratitude*** for what she has done for many residents like myself.

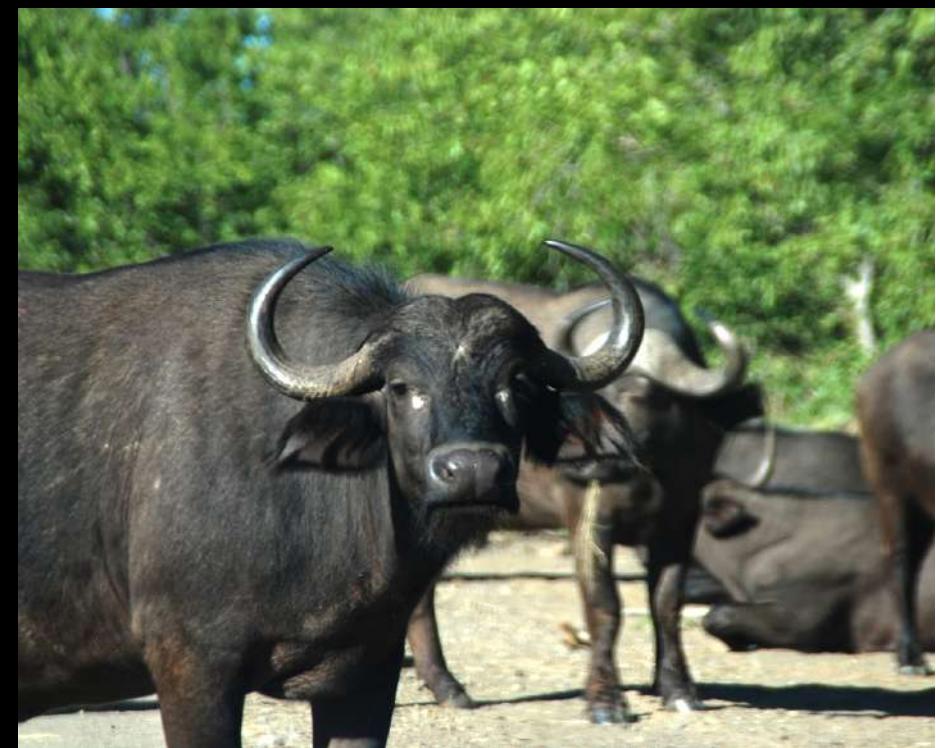
Annie Chou, 2012 South Africa Cohort

*Photos Provided by Annie Chou*



I was fortunate to go to Gulu, Uganda as the first UBC cohort in 2013! **A big thank you** to Dr. Hill for her **dedication** to this project as she put this Global Health elective together when the South Africa opportunity ended. This was a very memorable experience from my UBC residency!

Michael Quon, 2013 Uganda Cohort



*Photos Provided by Annie Chou*

Dr. Hill has been an ***amazing inspiration*** to countless residents over the years. I am grateful for the privilege to have participated in the global health elective in Uganda (2014-15). She influenced my choice to pursue further academic studies in global health, and led by ***powerful example*** to build sustainable global partnerships to improve medical education and health outcomes in global settings. Thank you Dr. Hill for your ***extraordinary leadership and vision!***

Calvin Ke, 2015 Uganda Cohort

Dr. Amanda Hill has been an **inspiration** in her lifelong commitment and passion for global health. She single handedly brought global health to the curriculum of the internal medicine residency programme and the rotation has long been the **pride and huge strength** of the programme. Amanda mentored me in my role as a preceptor in Gulu, Uganda and I could not have done a thing without her. We are so lucky to have had her **wisdom and guidance**.

Cary Cuncic, 2017 Uganda Cohort



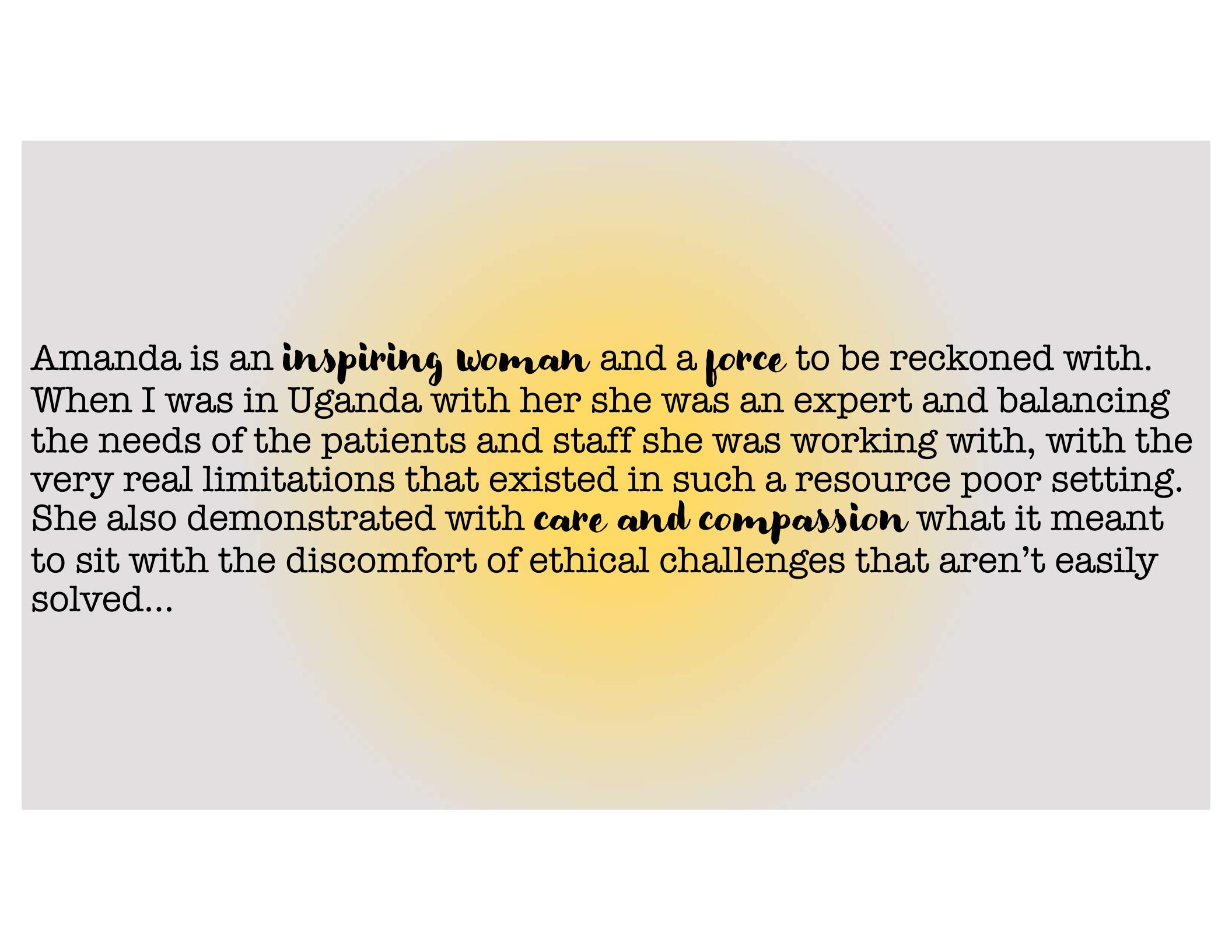
*Photos Provided by Fergus To, 2016 Uganda Cohort*



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Every morning in Gulu, we would sit with Amanda over pineapple and coffee and debrief/chat about all sorts of things - she's ***incredibly warm, infinitely wise*** and has a lovely calming presence. When we would walk to the hospital together it was evident that everyone else who knew her felt the same way. During our adventures, she proved to have more energy than all of us "young ones" combined. I will forever be grateful for my time in Gulu - hands down one of the ***most valuable experiences of my life.***

Kate Shoultz, 2017 Uganda Cohort



Amanda is an **inspiring woman** and a **force** to be reckoned with. When I was in Uganda with her she was an expert and balancing the needs of the patients and staff she was working with, with the very real limitations that existed in such a resource poor setting. She also demonstrated with **care and compassion** what it meant to sit with the discomfort of ethical challenges that aren't easily solved...

She demonstrated how to show up and do your best every day, and the importance of helping just one person if you can. Amanda brings her true self to her work, and that comes with **kindness, confidence, empathy, and warmth** that is immediately palpable; and she has a deep knowledge of her field that makes her an expert teacher we can all learn from. Kudos to her for all she has accomplished and for all the lives she changed in the course of her role as lead for the International Health Project.

Hayden Rubensohn, 2017 Uganda Cohort

Amanda is an ***amazing inspiration***. This may come up a few times, but she has kindled a love of birding in a few of us! While many people are distracted by the megafauna, Amanda and her husband Barry are always on the lookout for rare bird sightings, no matter how small and inconsequential they look to others at first glance. As a result, on the various trips I took with Elena, Marla, Tristen, and Trudy, we paid a lot more attention to the birds, which enhanced our enjoyment immensely.

The attached picture was taken just before trekking through the jungle looking for chimps. It's a tiny bit blurry, but I think it captures her ***fearlessness and leadership***.

Ben Schwartzentuber, 2019 Rwanda Cohort





*Photo Provided by Annie Chou*

This elective was the **best month of residency** for me. I was lucky enough that Amanda was our supervisor for the entire month. Amanda was our guide to living and traveling in Africa, which I had never done before, as well as a **mentor** for dealing with tragic cases, navigating the system for how to care for patients, and role model in her **compassion** for those working in situations where resources are so limited....

She led by example, and taught me so much about how to be a good doctor, regardless of the resources available. It was a privilege to have lived and worked with her for a month, and then to have continued on working with her on the committee here. With very little support, she volunteered countless hours and fought hard for the existence and continuation of this program. She is a large reason of my choice to pursue a masters in Global Health, as well as what I try and emulate when supervising residents now that I am staff. ***Thank you Amanda for everything!***

Trudy Nasmith, 2014 Uganda Cohort, 2019 & 20 Rwanda Cohort

*Photo Provided by Trudy Nasmith*





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I would also like to thank Amanda for all the support over the years - it has helped tremendously in building my ***moral courage***, sense of mission, and humility in approaching global health and work in other countries ;)

Even as she is retiring from most in-hospital clinical work, I hope to keep working with her for years to come ;)

Jan Hajek, 2013-2018 Uganda Cohorts

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by Jan Hajek*

The International Health Project has added something to my medical journey and practice that I never expected. I went to Uganda thinking it would be an interesting, one time experience in residency. I did not expect that I would have already gone twice as faculty in my first couple years in practice, as well as being one of the committee members for the program! It has been a ***hugely educational, rewarding, challenging, and fascinating*** part of my life.

Amanda was obviously instrumental in making the program a reality, but I was especially fortunate to have her as my faculty for two weeks when I went as a resident. Her knowledge, enthusiasm, and compassionate energy were undeniably infectious. The ***gift*** she has given me - of having global health work be a part of my practice and life - is something I don't think I can ever repay her for...



“What can I say? Dust in my face? That’s when I’m happy!”

*Photo provided by Tristen Gilchrist.*

And outside of the hospital, it's worth noting that she has turned me (and countless others) into an amateur **birding enthusiast** (who tries to pass it on to my own residents while in Africa!), as well as being largely responsible for our first place win at pub trivia in Gulu...

Tristen Gilchrist, 2015  
Uganda Cohort



*Photos Provided by Tristen Gilchrist*

Thank you for being a **ray of sunshine and a beacon of hope to us**. Your unwavering support and investment in our education and wellbeing as a human being was unparalleled.

Please continue to walk the walk so that your colleagues may learn from your doings.

You are one of the only fond memories we take from our experience, not only are you fantastic at your job but you have also proven yourself to **be loving and caring person** both in the office and out in the world and for that we are grateful, you deserve this honour.

Gulu Regional Referral Hospital still holds you at heart, residence of University of British Columbia is remembered for their kind, considerate and compassionate with timely clinical and teaching services to both the students, interns, nurses, doctors as well as being able to give the best support to the patients.

Good Luck,

EWANY DENISH,  
A VOLUNTEER NURSE, GULU REGIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL, SUPPORTED BY  
DOCTORS FROM CANADA UNDER UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
A MEDICAL STUDENT AT KAMPALA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



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